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Dear Ms. Lipton,

November 13, 2019

We have received your Right-To-Know request, dated November 7, requesting"...Records and materials related to the solicitation, acquisition, and use of face recognition technology and related software and services."

We have not purchased, nor are we using facial recognition technology as an agency. The problem with this request is that it is broad enough to include solicitations and marketing communication. Of course, vendors of this technology have approached members of the MPD in the past to try to sell facial recognition technology and will continue to do so. To date, we have purchased none of these products. To my knowledge, we have performed no formal validation studies or generated any reports regarding these solicitations, and we have never gotten to the point of serious purchase considerations. I can't speak to how many others in our department may have been approached via email or otherwise by these vendors over the years.

Sincerely,

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